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One Year of Voluntary Service in Germany

Are you **from abroad** and are interested to **volunteer in Germany** for a year? Then you have come to the right place. On this page, you'll get an **overview of the incoming program**, which is especially for people from around the world. Learn more about the benefits, requirements, fields of work and how to apply. Have fun!

Reach out to us

You have questions or need more info? Feel free to contact us. We are happy to support.

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Incoming-Program: All you need to know

If you're thinking about doing a voluntary service in Germany, you probably have lots of **practical questions**. What are the requirements? When does the voluntary service begin? What benefits will I receive? Here, we will clarify the most important questions so that you can start your stay in Germany well prepared. Please **read everything carefully**. If anything is still unclear, feel free to reach out to us.

Incoming: Requirements

Are you ready to take the big step and come to Germany? Here are all the **formal and personal requirements** you need to fulfill in order to participate in the Incoming Programme:

- You are at least **18 years old**.

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- Your **German level** is at least **A2 or even better B1** and you are willing to improve your German during your voluntary service.
- You have completed an **internship of at least two weeks** in your home country. The internship should be in the same field in which you would like to work in Germany. Please include an internship certificate with your application.
- You are open to get to know the **German culture** and ready to take on new tasks.
- You are willing to work **full-time** in a social or educational institution for one year.
- You need a **visa for Germany** if you are from a country **outside the European Union (EU)**. Once we have accepted you for volunteer service, we will send you all the necessary documents for your visa application. Please note that the visa process can take **two to three months**, depending on your country, and is unfortunately not always easy. We will support you as much as we can throughout the process.

Begin, duration, working hours

Funding / Financing

You'd like to go to Germany, but you're not sure if you can afford a volunteer service? Don't worry, there are some financial benefits for you:

- You will receive **pocket money of at least 200 Euro** per month.
- Your **accommodation** will be arranged for you: you will either live in a room at your placement site or with a host family.
- You will receive **meals** (food and drinks) or financial support from your hosting organisation.
- You will be covered by **health insurance, accident insurance, liability insurance** and possibly **social**

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Unfortunately, **funding for travel to and from Germany** is only available in some programmes and these programmes only have a few places. This means most volunteers need to cover their travel costs to Germany and back themselves. However, financial support (**scholarship**) may be possible.



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Contact our partners in your home country

Which country are you from?

If you are from **Argentina, Brazil, Georgia, Colombia, Kyrgyzstan, Namibia, Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Tanzania** or **Uganda**, you need to apply for a volunteer service in Germany through one of our partner organisations in your home country. Please contact the organisation responsible for you to learn more about your individual application requirements.

If you are from Cameroon, Morocco or Tajikistan, unfortunately, we are currently unable to offer you a volunteer service.

All others can [apply here](#).

Get in touch with a local partner organisation

Areas of Service

Explore the world. Transform yourself.

You'll have the opportunity to get involved in various Waldorf educational institutions. Here you'll get an overview of the different areas of work.

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Social Therapy

Social therapeutic facilities are communities in which adults with disabilities (and with assistance needs) live and work together with people without disabilities. The goal is for each person to live as freely and self-determined as possible. You will help in the areas of care, assistance in daily activities, in the household and help organize parties, theater and concerts.



Biodynamic Agriculture

The remarkable thing about Biodynamic Agriculture is that fact that it is integrated into the ecological cycles and cycles of nature. In the voluntary service you spend a lot of time outdoors – in summer and winter, you do a lot of manual work, without large machines, you help with planting, harvesting and storage and feed and care for the animals.



Curative Education

Curative education is dedicated

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needs). You accompany students throughout the school day, in leisure activities as well as in care and nursing. Or you help with practical learning in various workshops, home economics, agriculture or horticulture.

Voluntary Service in Germany – Here's why it's worth it!

Five reasons to volunteer in Germany



You get to know life, language and culture in Germany

You will gain valuable experience abroad, get to know German culture, people and everyday life. You can also improve your German language skills.



You get involved socially and do good for others

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No matter which area of work you choose one thing is clear: You become active and do something good for other people. Whether it's in kindergarten, at school, or helping the elderly – your support makes a big difference in the lives of others.



You get pocket money and accommodation

During your voluntary service in Germany, you will not only be provided (or financially supported) with accommodation and meals, but also get a monthly pocket money of at least 200 euros. In addition to that, you are covered by health, accident and liability insurance.



You discover exciting professions

There are so many things you could imagine doing professionally later on? But you have no idea what it really looks like and what to expect? With a voluntary service, you can get to know various occupational fields up close – you'll be right in the middle of it all, working hands-on. And who knows, maybe you'll discover your dream job?

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We are here for you

We are at your side every step of the way: We will prepare you for your service in exciting seminars, where you will meet new people and get new impulses and keep being there for you throughout your voluntary service.



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We are looking forward to meeting you!

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